

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1771, July 24: William Hall
(b.1749) to Thomas Hall (b.1725)



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(Copy) from Irwin 24th July 1771

Dear Sirs & Madam

Mr. Kett & myself came from Hanover about a fortnight ago, on Sunday the 14th Inst. I received from Mr. Kett Worcester Estate, which I hope to conduct in such a manner as will give you all the satisfaction you can desire. Mr. Kett & self in former letters mentioned our having Purchased a House & Piece of Land adjoining to Worcester Estate; those Letters I may now contradict, as the Man from whom we were to have bought it is entirely off his Bargain & as I shall be a great part of my time between this & your arrival at the Point with Mr. Kett I shall only make an addition of one Lodging Room to Worcester House, & defer building any other House till your arrival. I wrote a few Lines to my Brother by the fact of Cap' Gordon & should have wrote at that time to you, but I was about three days before his writing taken with a violent Pain in the side owing & believe to my having caught cold in the Woods some time before; I was let Blood twice for it and now perfectly well recovered. I sent you by the

Post Office
Sir J. Silliman
Thomas & Stephen Bullock
Millington in London

Captain Nicoll



Bathfield a turtle which I hope you will receive safe; tell my Brother I have endeavoured to get him another but can not. I hope you will excuse the shortness of this as Cap^t Town waits for it. My love to my Brothers & Sisters & best regards to all friends from

Dear Sir
Your ever Dutyfull Son

William Hall

September 9th 1771
Irwin

The original of the above went by the Bathfield Cap^t Irwin, since which I have had the pleasure of receiving the copy of yours of the 11th June the original not yet arrived by which & your Letter to Mr^r Herk, I am made exceedingly happy in hearing my conduct has given you so much satisfaction & happiness, & it shall be my greatest endeavour to merit your confidence & affection. As my future conduct I am much obliged to you for your intention of sending me a Gardner &c & make no doubt of spending my time very agreeably & of making myself very happy for a few years. Mr^r Herk has just purchased two Boys for me out of a ship that arrived the other day; I shall buy 6 or 8 more on my own account & shall buy for the Estate whatever

Number Mr^r Herk shall judge necessary from some of the other ships. As I have been disappointed in the Purchase of the Slave I wrote to you about in former Letters, I can not make a memorandum of what other Furniture I may want; what you were so good as to send by Maggs will do very well at Worcester. We had on Tuesday the 3^d of this Month a pretty sharp shock of an Earthquake which gave me no small surprise; I do not hear of any damage being done altho^t pretty generally on this side the Country. I am sorry to hear we are not to expect My Brother & Sister Lawrence, & indeed all here doubt very much their coming out. I hope you will excuse my neglect in not sending you the list of the Books at Towne, I now enclose it. There are many of them very good. Our seasons here are still very fine & great Prospects for next Crop. My love to my Sisters & respects to all friends from

Dear Sir
Your ever Dutyfull Son
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